



STOWUPLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Outstanding Progress for All

Virtual Open Evening

Thursday 15 October 2020

Mr Whear - Headteacher

Welcome to the class of 2028

- ▶ The start of a seven year learning journey from Year 7 to 13.



Why should I trust Stowupland with my child's high school education?

- ▶ Our aim is 'Outstanding progress for all' from 11-18.



What do you stand for as a school?

- ▶ High quality teaching which enables students to know more, remember more and be able to do more.
- ▶ An exciting curriculum and enrichment programme.
- ▶ High standards of student conduct, behaviour and personal development linked to a dedicated pastoral system.



How will you keep my child safe?

- ▶ Students' safety is always the first priority; now more than ever.
- ▶ We have a first class pastoral team. Each year group has a Progress Leader and Assistant Progress Leader who are responsible for monitoring progress, behaviour and attendance.
- ▶ We enjoy spacious grounds with various 'enclosed' areas where students are supervised during social times. **We do not allow students to leave the site at break or lunchtime.**
- ▶ Students in Year 7 enjoy the courtyard area which provides a space away from older students.

How well do students behave?

- ▶ We focus on a simple motto: *Rights, Responsibilities and Respect*. Students' behaviour is good. They conduct themselves in a calm and orderly fashion.
- ▶ Our clear expectations of students and their conduct are displayed in classrooms. The Behaviour Policy is on the website.
- ▶ We have clear systems to respond to any conduct that falls below our high expectations.
- ▶ We reward students for good conduct and hard work and acknowledge what they have achieved in termly Achievement Assemblies.

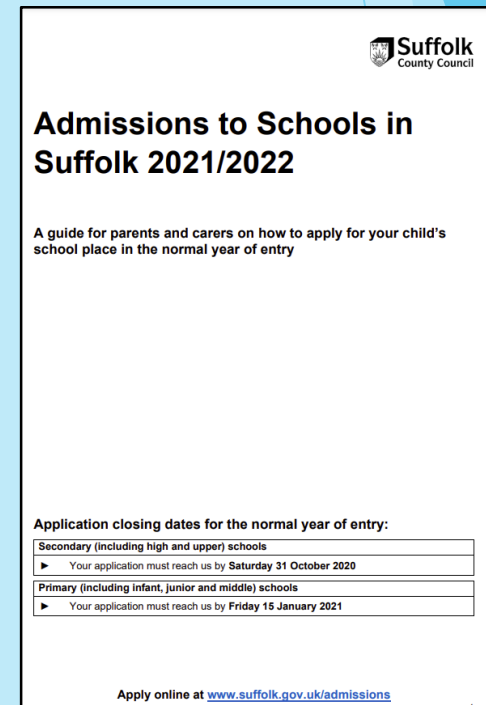
What about bullying?

- ▶ Bullying is unacceptable here. We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for all our students.
- ▶ If bullying occurs, students report the problem to any member of staff and know that incidents will be dealt with promptly and effectively.



Next steps

- ▶ Apply online with Suffolk County Council.
- ▶ Keep an eye on our website for updates.
- ▶ Look out for our virtual tour.
- ▶ Ask plenty of questions!
- ▶ When the times allow, come and visit us.



The image shows the cover of a guide titled "Admissions to Schools in Suffolk 2021/2022". The Suffolk County Council logo is in the top right corner. Below the title, it states: "A guide for parents and carers on how to apply for your child's school place in the normal year of entry". At the bottom, there is a section for "Application closing dates for the normal year of entry:" with two rows of information:

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| Secondary (including high and upper) schools |
| ▶ Your application must reach us by Saturday 31 October 2020 |
| Primary (including infant, junior and middle) schools |
| ▶ Your application must reach us by Friday 15 January 2021 |

At the very bottom, it says "Apply online at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions".

Some of the key staff you will get to know ...

Mrs Cook - Year 7 Progress Leader

Mrs Rolfe - Year 7 Assistant Progress Leader

Mrs McKendrick - SENCO

Your child's form tutor

Contact email

enquiries@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk

Some of the questions we are asked:



How do you communicate with us?

- The school website is the first port of call.
- You will receive our Home Bulletin each Friday.
- We publish mini-newsletters every half-term.
- We send regular updates and reminders by ParentMail.
- We arrange a Meet the Tutor evening during the Autumn term.
- We provide you with an annual Full Report and termly Progress Checks.
- There is also an annual Parents' Evening with teachers and form tutors.

How do you arrange form groups?

- Our staff visit primary schools and interview all students joining Stowupland.
- Students are organised into mixed-ability tutor groups.
- We do our utmost to maintain positive friendship groups.
- Form Tutors play a central role in supporting our students and are often best placed to deal with queries or concerns.

What subjects will my child study?

- ▶ English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Music, Art, Drama, Dance, PE, French or German, Computing and Design Technology (DT) including Food Technology.
- ▶ We have an extensive suite of dedicated DT classrooms, a large drama studio and a modern dance studio.
- ▶ All of our teachers are fully-qualified subject specialists.
- ▶ Students have four 75-minute lessons each day with an afternoon registration and tutor period. There are weekly assemblies.

What about food?

- ▶ The school canteen serves a wide range of hot and cold dishes at break and lunch time.
- ▶ We now operate a cashless catering system so students do not need to bring money into school. You can top up your child's account online.
- ▶ Students can also bring in a packed lunch.



Is there a school uniform?

- ▶ Students wear a smart and practical uniform.
- ▶ Details are on our website
<https://www.stowuplandhighschool.co.uk/essentials/uniform/>



Attendance

- ▶ Attendance matters! Students' attendance is currently well above average.
- ▶ We have a dedicated Attendance Officer who phones home on the first day of any absence and we work closely with the Educational Welfare Team.
- ▶ Every teacher takes a register at the beginning of each lesson so we can be sure where students are in school at any time.



What about clubs and other opportunities?

- ▶ We run a daily friendship group for students in Year 7.
- ▶ COVID restrictions mean that we are currently unable to run our usual clubs and societies.
- ▶ We hope to be in a position to return to our extensive programme of lunchtime and after school activities next year.



What is the sixth form like?

- ▶ Our wonderful new sixth form building opens later this term. It comprises 6 classrooms, a common room and performance space which is also designed for community use.
- ▶ Results are at least broadly in line with national averages - for many courses they are significantly above average.
- ▶ Most students go on to University including Oxbridge and Russell Group.
- ▶ Other students secure apprenticeships in a wide range of professions including telecommunications, education and hospitality.



Will my child get a locker?

- ▶ Yes, there are lockers available for all students so that books and equipment can be left at school.
- ▶ We will provide full details in the summer term.



What is your policy on mobile phones?

- ▶ Students may bring phones to school but they are to be used for emergencies only.
- ▶ Students are not allowed to use their phones during the school day.



I live out of catchment area. What can I do to try to get a place?

- ▶ Admissions into Year 7 are overseen by Suffolk County Council (SCC). Details are published on their website.
- ▶ <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place-20212022/>

How do I arrange transport to school by bus?

- ▶ SCC introduced a new school travel policy, effective from September 2019.
- ▶ Full details about school travel can be found on their website: <https://www.suffolkonboard.com/school-travel/>

Key dates

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| 31 October 2020 | Deadline for applications |
| 1 March 2021 | National Offer Day: Places at Stowupland High School are confirmed |



Thank you for your time this evening.

Do you have any questions?